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SUBJECT: DAVIS NOMINATION: MESSAGE FOR SYG ETEKI

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1. DUE ARRIVAL SOMALI FONMIN AND KUWAITI MINISTERIAL DELEGATION, I WAS UNABLE DELIVER REFTEL MESSAGE UNTIL EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN I WAS RECEIVED BY MINSTATE FONAFFS JAMAL MUHAMMED AHMED. I SAID SECRETARY HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN DISTRESSED BY UN-WARRANTED AND ILL-INFORMED OAU ACTION. I HAD PERSONALLY KNOWN AMBASSADOR DAVIS FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND COULD ATTEST TO HIS SENSITIVITY, DEDICATION AND SENSE OF INVOLVEMENT IN BASIC AFRICAN ISSUES FROM HIS TIME IN PEACE CORPS.

2. AHMED READ MESSAGE CAREFULLY AND SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE IT TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. HE RECALLED HE HAD RETURNED HERE FROM HEADING SUDANESE OAU DELEGATION TEN DAYS AGO, BEFORE THIS ISSUE HAD ARISEN. HE HAD HAD NO WORD FROM DELEGATION THERE ON THIS MATTER BUT WOULD QUESTION THEM CLOSELY ON THEIR RETURN AND LET ME KNOW ANYTHING OF INTEREST WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP. MEANWHILE, AHMED SAID HE HAD HEARD OUTSIDE OFFICIAL CHANNELS THAT SYG ETEKI HAD RECEIVED NUMBER TELEGRAMS IN ADDIS FROM PRIVATE AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS PRESSURING OAU TO TAKE STAND ON DAVIS APPOINTMENT. AHMED COULD NOT RECALL
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NAMES OR ORIENTATIONS THESE GROUPS, BUT SAID ONE

ALLEGATION WAS THAT DAVIS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY CIA.
I SAID I COULD CATEGORICALLY DENY THIS ON BASIS MY LONG
FRIENDSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIS. FACT THAT SUCH
CANARD COULD BE CIRCULATED SUGGESTED TO ME THAT STORIES
AGAINST DAVIS BEING STIMULATED BY UNFRIENDLY ELEMENTS
FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. AHMED REITERATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK
INTO THIS QUESTION WHEN SUDANESE DELEGATION RETURNS.
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